Sabha on 6th September, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the necessary interim-injunction granted by Calcutta High Court against gross demand of Rs. 65 crores of Income Tax against Indian Tobacco Company Limited, Calcutta in respect of assessment year 1981-82 and 1982-83 has been vacated;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the necessary steps would be taken to get the stay vacated in public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) the case has not yet come up for hearing; and

(c) steps have already been taken in this regard. A Special Counsel for the case has been appointed. Efforts are also being made for mentioning the matter in the High Court for early hearing.

Adjudication Cases against Cigarette Companies

1813. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed two collectors of Central Excise at Delhi to deal with the adjudication cases of cigarette companies on account of Central Excise Duty evason;

(b) whether it is also fact that Government is not having any advocate presently to present cases of Government before the adjudicating Authority; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir. Two Collectors of Central Excise at Delhi have been designated to deal with the adjudication of Central Excise offence cases against the cigarette companies.

(b) and (c) The Counsel engaged earlier by the Department has returned the brief. However, the department is engaging another counsel to represent it before the adjudicating authority.

Recovery of Income Tax dues from M/s. Godfrey Philips India Ltd.

1814. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1134 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Government has since recovered the Income Tax demand of Rs 153 Lacs from M/s. Godfrey Philips India Limited;

(b) if not, the steps Government propose to contemplate to recover the income tax demand from the company; and

(c) what progress has so far been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Out of Rs. 153 lakhs, Rs. 53 lakhs were paid by the company on 30-8-1991. Thereafter, recovery of the balance demand was stayed by the Tribunal subject to the company furnishing adequate security to the satisfaction of the Assessing Officer. The Assessing Officer has asked the company to furnish a bank guarantee.